

## AGENDA

### CANTON BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2005

GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

4:00 P.M.

Reading of the minutes of the September 14, 2005 regular meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Picnic Table Policy

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting permission to allow the trapping of muskrat and raccoon within the Park System for the 2005-2006 season
2. Canton Area YMCA requesting to use the will-call shelter and Stadium Park on November 19, 2005, to hold a walk-a-thon
3. Mayor Creighton letter regarding charging for shelter reservations
4. Request from Sergeant Thristino to attend training on Counter-Terrorism and Suicide Bomber Symposium on November 9 & 10, 2005

#### OTHER BUSINESS

#### ADJOURNMENT

## CANTON PARK COMMISSION

### BOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER, 2005

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, at the Garden Center Building.

Present were: Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Steve Lamiell, Vice President; Mr. Jim Speakman, Member; and Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary.

Prior to the meeting being called to order, Mr. Speakman informed the Board that he had recently moved and was now living outside the city limits; therefore, he could no longer serve on the Board.

The Board thanked Mr. Speakman for his service, and he then left the meeting.

The meeting was then called to order by President Black at 4:14 p.m.

At this time a motion was made by A. Black to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2005 regular meeting as written. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Board noted the presence of Councilmember Casar and asked him if he wished to address the Board.

Mr. Casar stated that he did have a couple of items he would like to discuss. The Board opened the floor to Mr. Casar.

Mr. Casar stated he had people asking about the possibility of placing a light at the 25<sup>th</sup> & Fulton parking lot in Stadium Park. They were concerned about people hanging out there after dark.

The Director stated that it may be a good spot for a rental flood from AEP. The Board instructed the Director to have a light installed.

Mr. Casar then asked if a neighborhood association could meet at the Garden Center. The Board stated they could, but there was a charge to use the building at this time.

The last issue Mr. Casar wanted to talk about was the need for a ballfield complex in the City. The Director informed Mr. Casar that some discussion has already been held with regard to this issue with the Service Director and the Recreation Director. The Director then presented several discussion plans for providing for a ballfield complex.

Also discussed was the grant the City is supposed to get for a playground in Waterworks Park.

Mr. Casar brought up the fact that the area floods and that issue was discussed. Mr. Black talked about the possibility of a splash park or splash facilities as a part of the Waterworks project. The Director presented the Board with some information he had obtained about other areas that have splash parks. Mr. Casar asked if the Board had gone to look at any of these areas yet. The Board stated not as yet. Mr. Casar stated that he would like to go along if the Board does, if that is possible.

Mr. Black talked about the need for public input and to talk to local architects to see if they would be willing to donate services toward the project.

The Director stated he thought some decisions would need to be made first about what we wanted so the architects would know what was expected.

Mr. Lamiell stated he would like to see a splash park built in another park no matter what is built in Waterworks. Toward that end, the Director was instructed to request \$200,000 in capital funds for FY 2006 for such a project.

Mr. Casar left the meeting at the end of the discussion.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. Picnic Table Policy - The Board reviewed a final draft of the proposed picnic table and bleacher use policy.

A motion was then made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Director requesting permission to allow the trapping of muskrat and raccoon within the Park System for the 2005-2006 season - A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

2. Canton Area YMCA requesting to use the will-call shelter and Stadium Park on November 19, 2005, to hold a walk-a-thon - The Board reviewed this request, and a motion was made by A. Black to approve it with an insurance requirement. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.
3. Mayor Creighton letter regarding charging for shelter reservations - The Board reviewed the letter from Mayor Creighton. No action was taken.
4. Request from Sergeant Thristino to attend training on Counter-Terrorism and Suicide Bomber Symposium on November 9 & 10, 2005 - The Director informed the Board that Sergeant Thristino had offered to attend this symposium at his expense for transportation, food and lodging if they allowed him to attend on time.

A motion to approve this request was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director informed the Board that he felt the West Park project was taking too long and wanted to use what capital money he had and try and get this project finalized. The Board agreed.
2. The Director informed the Board that the walking track bridge project had been completed.
3. The Director told the Board that Sergeant Thristino had been giving warning tickets for some time with regard to speed and felt it was time to issue citations when necessary.

The Board agreed.

4. Ms. Velma Matthews requesting permission to remove existing plants in the round planter in Nimisilla Park and then replant. She has also offered to take care of the garden next year.

The Board had no problem with allowing this lady a chance to maintain this garden, but not to remove the existing plantings.

The Director was instructed to see if this arrangement would work.

5. The Board reviewed the plans recently submitted for a tree house facility at the Children's Garden in Stadium Park.

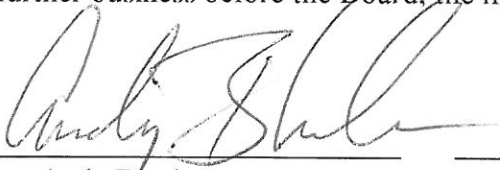
The Director informed the Board that he had been asked to remove the necessary dirt for the site and bore the holes for the posts.

The Board had no problem with the plans for the tree house, but instructed the Director to help with project only as our fall schedule allowed.

6. The Director informed the Board that he had received a letter concerning the estate of Ms. Lovella Williams. Ms. Williams is leaving the Park System \$12,046.74 and the Attorney has asked the Board to sign a waiver of notice of hearing on the account.

A motion to accept the money and sign the waiver as long as the Law Department has no problems with the signing of the waiver was made by A. Black. A second was made by S. Lamiell, and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.



Andy Black  
President



Douglas Perry  
Director/Secretary